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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS AND INCIDENTS

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1. SUMMARY: WAVE OF ANTI-AMERICANISM INCREASED

AUGUST 16 WITH MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION AT ATHENS AIRPORT

TO WELCOME ANDREAS PAPANDROUS WHERE PREDOMINANT THEME

WAS "AMERICANS OUT." SMALLER DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE

LATER IN ATHENS AND IN THESSALONIKI AND IRAKLION WHERE

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE DONE TO USG PROPERTY. THREE

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AUTOMOBILES PRIVATELY OWNED BY USG PERSONNEL WERE BURNED

LAST NIGHT, NUMBER OF OTHERS DAMAGED; AND NUMEROUS REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OF THREATS AND INSULTS TO AMERICANS, BOTH PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BANK OF AMERICAN REPORTED HIS LIFE THREATENED YESTERDAY; SIMILAR THREATS RECEIVED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CONTINUE AGAINST AMBASSADOR TASCA AND EMBASSY STAFF. END SUMMARY.

2. DEMONSTRATION OF APPROXIMATELY 25,000 PERSONS GATHERED AT ATHENS AIRPORT 2030 HOURS LAST NIGHT TO GREET ANDREAS PAPANDREOUS. WELCOMERS INCLUDED POLITICAL FIGURES, LADY FLEMING, MELINA MERCOURI AND OLD FRIENDS AND NUMEROUS OBVIOUS HARD-CORE LEFTISTS. SIGNS, CHANTING AND ACTIONS WERE PREDOMINANTLY ANTI-AMERICAN AND TO A LESSER EXTENT TRADITIONAL LEFTIST, AND ONLY TWO PLACARDS OUT OF DOZENS ACTUALLY WELCOMED RETURN OF PAPANDREOUS. MOST POPULAR YELLS WERE "AMERICANS OUT," "NATO, CIA, BETRAYAL," "YANKEES, CIA, NATO, MURDERERS," "KISSINGER ASSASSIN" AND HUMOROUSLY "SOME THINGS DON'T GO WELL WITH COKE." PAPANDREOUS MADE BRIEF SPEECH BLAMING U.S. FOR PLANNING PARTITION OF CYPRUS AND CALLING FOR END TO GREEK DEPENDENCE ON U.S. AND NATO. HE ALSO DEMANDED CLEANSING OF GREEK ARMED FORCES, YOUTHS MANY, WEARING RED T-SHIRTS, CARRIED LARGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANDREAS PAPANDREOUS. DEMONSTRATORS FORMED MOTORCADE TO CONSTITUTION SQUARE WHERE ABOUT 10,000 CONTINUED TO ASSAIL U.S. NATO, CIA, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. FROM THIS GROUP 250-300 PEELED OFF AND MARCHED TO EMBASSY WHERE THEY DISPERSED QUIETLY AFTER SHOUTING ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS FOR FEW MINUTES. POLICE PROTECTION WAS HEAVY AND EFFECTIVE.

3. DEMONSTRATION IN THESSALONIK REPORTED THESSALONIK 491. MUCH LARGER GATHERING OF APPROX. 10,000 AT HERAKLION WITH HARD-CORE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED ATTACKING U.S. AIRFORCE BASE ABOUT 15 KILOMETERS FROM IRAKLION. DEMONSTRATORS STAYED OUTSIDE BASE FENCE BUT PELTED SCHOOL AND CHAPEL WITH ROCKS AND SET FIRE TO PROCUREMENT BUILDING, INFLECTING AN ESTIMATED \$15,000 DAMAGE. FIRE BOMBS AND ROCKS HURLED AT TRAILERS NEARBY CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE. POLICE AND SECURITY PROTECTION WAS PROMPT AND AS EFFECTIVE AS COULD BE EXPECTED. CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF REPORTED SERIOUSNESS OF INCIDENT AND FACT THAT THIS FIRST INCIDENT DURING CURRENT CRISIS AT A U.S. -UTILIZED INSTALLATION, AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH FONOFF SYG VLACHOS AND EMBASSY ALSO DISCUSSED WITH GENDARMAIR HEADQUARTERS NEED FOR EFFECTIVE PROTECTIONS OF US-UTILIZED INSTALLATIONS.

4. IN ATHENS THREE CARS BELONGING TO U.S. MILITARY

PERSONNEL WERE BURNED LAST NIGHT AND NUMBER OF POV'S DAMAGED. FOURTEEN INCIDENTS OF TIRE SLASHING HAVE BEEN REPORTED; MANY AUTOS DAMAGED BY ROCK THROWING, OFTEN WHILE CARS WERE OPERATING. NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS HAVE REPORTED GREEKS SHOUTING INSULTS, SPITTING AT THEM AND GESTURING THREATENINGLY. THREATS AGAINST AMERICAN LIVES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BANK OF AMERICAN RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL THREATENING HIS LIFE, AND EMBASSY HAS HAD NUMBER OF THREATENING OR OBSCENE TELEPHONE CALLS. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ATHENS POLICE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THREATS.

5. ESSO-PAPPAS EMPLOYEES ARE CIRCULATING PETITION ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR EXPRESSING "BITTERNESS OVER FAILURE OF USG TO EXERCISE.. MORAL AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN RECENT CYPRUS CRISIS." PETITION WHICH HAS BEEN SIGNED BY OVER 300 EMPLOYEES WITH MORE SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW DEPLORES TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AND URGES USG USE ALL ITS INFLUENCE TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO CRISIS. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT EARLIER THIS WEEK COCA COLA OF GREECE DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATION IN U.S. PAVILLION THESSALONIK INTERNATIONAL FAIR WHICH OPENS SEPTEMBER 1. TASCA

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